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PUBLIC OPINION.

To get at the expression of public opinion, men of public life frequently resort to a good deal of diplomacy, and sometimes even unworthy artifice. And yet, with all their efforts, they more frequently fail than succeed; because they forget that it is not a hot-house plant. It is slow growth. It acquires size and strength, influence and power, by accretions, constantly going on; not unlike the rolling snow-ball; or as the accumulated drift on the mountain, which in time loses its anchorage and moves with accelerated velocity toward the distant valley to crush and destroy all that opposes.

In our glorious Republic, where universal suffrage has made the people truly sovereign, a variety of causes conspire to fix and determine public opinion more rapidly and more strongly than could be the case in any other country.

Free and universal education, the complete separation of Church and State, the social interchange of views and sentiments, and the frequency of elections, are powerful elements bearing upon this subject.

It is doubtful if there be any way to ascertain the tendency and the fiat of public opinion so readily and so effectually as through the Press, we mean the public journals—the weekly and daily news papers.

A true journalist is, by his calling, his sympathy, his intelligence, in nervous connection with all humanity under every aspect, moral, social, political, educational, professional, scientific and economical. He feels the public pulse, he contemplates the public wants, he studies the public thought, he learns to interpret the public intention, and can frequently declare, perhaps, days in advance, what is the Public Opinion. There are, we know, newspapers whose conductors, or, as they are commonly called, editors, possess no function of this kind. They cater for items, for casualties, for sensations, etc.; they use no brain and have no assured connection with the body politic, the body social, or the mass of humanity. They originate no ideas, they never take an intelligent "public-opinion bath," and have not sympathy enough with the intelligent and the refined, the publicist and scientist, the thinker and the writer, to produce a perceptible vibration in their own nervous censurism. This, it must be confessed, is too commonly the manifest character of most of the country newspapers.

But the true and talented editor, whose brain, like an electric battery, having a perfect circuit, is in constant exercise, collects, and concentrates the indications of public will, and, when sufficiently assured, he announces it as of authority—the Public Opinion.

Let us be clearly understood. The editor does not create, nor even form public opinion, as we endeavored to show in our former articles. But, as his own double sensories connect the brain with the surface and the remotest extremities, and advise that central arbitrator of what is going on without, so does an equally subtle mutual force among mankind, sometimes called "odyllic force," bring him into most sensitive and susceptible communication with men and minds; so that he becomes possessed, as one might say, intuitively, or unconsciously, of the prevalent sentiments of his community. And, as these journals are made and published here and there, over the whole land, the editors in "odyllic" sympathy with their respective communities, and with each other, their ability to gather up and concentrate the thought and will of the people of any section, or of the whole land, is manifest; and then their natural and rightful prerogative to declare it as the *real* *public* *opinion*, is most obvious.

This peculiar relation and attitude of the editor arises from the intrinsic nature of his vocation and his intense sense of responsibility.

No wonder, then, that the educated and talented editor is frequently supposed to mould and, by some, even to make public opinion. We are satisfied, however, that he does not and cannot do either one. The nearest he comes to it is to aid in developing and in educating public sentiment.

Nature has endowed this region with features of surpassing attraction. Art, with twelve millions of dollars, has made a fine house with a half acre of ground in this village—with its meandering walks and drives, its shrubberies, its extended prospects—costing, say \$20,000, than in a \$175,000 house and lot 20x100 feet near Central Park, New York, which it would be well for New-Yorkers to make a study of.

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TO OUR FELLOW-CITIZENS
IN BLOOMFIELD AND MONTCLAIR.

It is no small thing, we say, work, to edit a weekly newspaper; to provide, and manage, and print weekly the twenty-eight long columns of literature and business, and send it out to 1,000 subscribers. Yet this is the task we have imposed upon ourselves, and which we intend to perform, to the best of our ability. We have ample evidence that our labors are appreciated, acceptable and satisfactory. If we were not, perhaps, stoic, the many compliments which our paper has elicited from those whose opinions are entitled to deference, would have possibly stated.

We have not yet nearly reached our 1,000 subscribers, but our daily additions encourage the hope that we shall, before very long, attain to that number. Meanwhile our regular issue and circulation will not be less than that each week. If our subscription-books should include only half the families in these two towns, our outside subscription would probably make up the required number. May we not ask the well-wishers of this enterprise to not only send us their own subscriptions, but also to aid us by a kindly word of recommendation to their neighbors and friends? We think we are justified in saying that this friendly act would insure more largely to the advantage of these towns, and the benefit of many other individuals, than it would to us.

If the credit of these towns is any thing to its citizens, they must certainly admit that it is of consequence that their representative local journal be of a tone and character to sustain that credit. If their journal is to exert any influence for good in this community, and invite the respect we desire for these towns beyond their own precincts, that journal must be one that will command respect for its character, ability and opinions. Such a one deserves the earnest support of all intelligent, patriotic and interested citizens.

Our wish that every resident who desires it, should be able to take the GAZETTE, prompted our liberal offer in last week's paper. We now make an additional offer, that to any regular subscriber who desires to donate a copy for a year to one or more persons whose inability to pay for it renders their subscription, we will send as many extra copies as he orders for that purpose on the receipt of \$1 for each copy. We hope this will elicit many responses, as it is very desirable that every family, if possible, in Bloomfield and Montclair, should be thus placed in weekly communication with each other and with the town authorities through the local journal.

If we are desired to send the extra copies, each to a separate address, 25 cents additional will be expected for each.

CONGRESS.

The Forty-second Congress having now expired, it is well to consider what has been accomplished by it. We shall simply state that its acts as of special importance and of general interest.

The Amity Bill is of great national importance. It removed the disabilities imposed under the Fourteenth Amendment, in fact, pardoned all engaged in the Rebellion, except those of members of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses, officers of the judicial, military, or naval service, heads of departments and foreign ministers. These exceptions were estimated to embrace between 200 and 300 persons.

Revision of the Tax-Laws. Duties on tea and coffee repealed. Also, on hides, and on many drugs and chemicals used in manufactures. Also, all of the internal revenue taxes, except those on malt and spirituous liquors, and a few stamp duties. The total reduction was about \$50,000,000, and other duties were largely reduced.

Reapportionment of members of House of Representatives, increasing the number to 292.

Repeal of the franking privilege.

Providing for the building of eight steam sloops of war for the navy.

A bill was forced through toward the close of the session increasing the pay of the officers of the General Government, and fixing it as follows:

President	\$50,000
Vice-President	10,000
Chief Justice Supreme Court	10,000
Justices Supreme Court, each	10,000
Cabinet officers	10,000
Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, State and Interior	6,000
Speaker of the House, after the present Congress	10,000
Senators, Representatives, and Delegates, including the present Congress	7,500

BLOOMFIELD AND MONTCLAIR.

Only twelve or fourteen miles in distance; equal to 60 minutes in time, from the City of New York, lie the charming villages of Bloomfield and Montclair.

Elevated a hundred and fifty feet above the water, the lower portion—Our Bloomfield proper—stretches out on the plain in restful beauty and composure; while the Nearer Bloomfield stands on the semicircular hills which nearly enclose the old town. Immediately contiguous on the west, and higher up the mountain Montclair commands magnificent views for twenty miles.

Transfers of Real Estate.—Mr. S. McNiel sold his beautiful place on Orange Road, below Washington Avenue, to Mr. George F. Van Wyck for \$15,000. Mr. Van Wyck has expended, perhaps \$5,000 in altering and improving the house. Mr. Joseph H. Richards sold his place on Mountain Avenue, to Mr. Tuthill, price \$25,500. Mr. Geo. A. Dwight sold on Mountain Avenue 1½ acres to Joseph H. Richards for \$5,000. These are a few of the indications of beginning of activity in real estate market.

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quent trains from early morning to late evening hours—besides a horse-car to Newark every half hour; with churches, schools, stores, markets, etc.; with high tones of morals, a refined and cultivated society; with everything, in fine, that would render the locality attractive and desirable—these towns invite the inhabitants of the cities to come and see for themselves; to come and secure a charming home while they can be had at reasonable prices.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers will notice that our pages are unusually well and creditably filled this week. Nearly every article written expressly for this journal. First we have the remarkable poetical story—The Girl and the Period—by Miss Aymer, to be concluded in our next. Then "The Bigamist," a thrilling narrative by one of our own citizens, who, we hope, will favor us again. The able report of the County Superintendent of Schools should interest the citizens of the county. On the second page we have, besides the usual Editorial matter, interesting correspondence from Chicago, from Verona, from Franklin, from Montclair, and from Watchung, the last being illustrated by a well executed design of the beautiful Depot at that station.

The communication signed *Jervisman*, is from one of our best and most practical thinkers in Montclair; and, being equally applicable to both towns, it will command the considerate attention of all enlightened citizens.

Another, signed *Dredford*, is from a much esteemed friend in Montclair.

We regret the unavoidable necessity to lay over till next week the interesting communication of our esteemed correspondent G. A. D.

A most interesting Historical Letter relating to Bloomfield matters in 1798—received just to late for this issue. It will appear next week.

The snow still lingers on the fields and in drifts along the roadsides, and, as it melts under the midday sun, the roads and some of the walks are rendered uninvisiting.

For which reason our perambulations, and consequently our observations about town, have been greatly restricted. A few days of pleasant weather will change the aspect and convenience of locomotion and enable us to show to all that we are wide awake.

LEGISLATURE.—No important results have been reached as far as we observe the proceedings in our State Legislature. Railroad bills and interests have occupied much valuable time, and we shall probably be able to announce definite and conclusive action another week. The anti-monopolyists seem to have the best of it at this writing, and most people think they have the right of it also.

At the town election in East Orange, this week, the people voted by 140 majority in favor of the horse-cars running on Sunday. There are certainly many good arguments in favor of the necessity of this decision.

OUR ADVERTISERS.—Jolley Brothers, 829 Broad Street, Newark, in addition to their extensive and well assorted stock of Gent's Furnishings for the body, are opening, next door, a hat store to furnish the head.

In the line of Gent's Furnishings we also invite attention to the advertisement of young Mr. Fawcett, 477 Broad Street, 2nd block from the M. & E. Depot, where the ordinary variety in this line may be found.

The display of Black Silks now open at Morris & Doty's, 159 and 161 Market St., exceeds in quantity, variety and completeness, anything heretofore shown in Newark.

The selections are from the best manufacturers and are offered at prices which can not fail to meet with the approval of purchasers.—*Ad.*

MONTCLAIR LOCAL.

MONTCLAIR, Mar. 11, 1873.

MESARS. EDITORS.—The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Congregational Church of Montclair gave a Parlor Entertainment and Fair, on Friday Evening, March 7th, at the residence of Julian H. Pratt. The entertainment consisted of Tableaux, Charades and Music; and the Fair was for the sale of numerous fancy articles the little hands had made during the winter. The success was greater, almost than had been hoped—the profits amounting to a little over \$200. This society is supporting a young lady who is preparing to be a missionary in India.

Allow me to express my congratulations at the success you have attained in making the GAZETTE an excellent paper. I shall as soon as I can, forward my subscription to you, and I assure you in any way I shall be happy to do so.

DR. SPURGEON.

Mr. Harry Penn, the celebrated artist, so well and favorably known in our community, expects, with his family, to call for the Nearer Bloomfield and Montclair.

They have the best wishes of all our citizens for a pleasant, prosperous and recuperating tour and early return.

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WATCHUNG.



We are indebted to Edward P. Clark of Watchung for the above beautiful engraving of the new depot, erected through the efforts and perseverance of Mr. Clark and his neighbors at that place. The depot was built by the American Corrugated Iron Company of Springfield, Mass., at a cost of about \$4,000. The platform is 100 feet in length by 30 feet in width, and affords a pleasant and ample covering for waiting passengers. The tower is surmounted by an ornament which is an imitation of a lily stalk. One of similar design, though smaller, has been placed at the other end of the depot. Both are gilded and give a very pleasant effect to the whole building. The interior contains waiting-rooms and all other conveniences necessary to make a complete rail road station. Those interested propose to ornament the waiting rooms with pictures descriptive of the fine scenery and handsome residences in that vicinity. No advertisements of any sort are to be allowed to disfigure the rooms. Comfortable seats have been provided both for inside and out, a clock doted, and every thing which good taste can suggest will be done to make this depot attractive to all who may be fortunate as to have occasion to use it. The engraving was designed and executed by a young lady member of the Watchung Sociable, a student in the Cooper Institute, and is her first work. It reflects great credit upon the young lady who has thus, so well and pleasantly, introduced to the general public the first depot of the Montclair Railroad Co.

BLOOMFIELD LOCAL.

REV. JOHN WARD, who has so long lived in Montclair, commanding our respects and esteem, and using his sacred functions hereabout as occasion invited, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y. He removed his family to their new home last week. He and they have the best wishes of Bloomfield people for their happiness, and for his acceptable ministry and abundant fruitfulness.

OUR FELLOW-CITIZENS.—Mr. Henry C. Spaulding, is expected back from Europe in a very few days. His pleasant voice and genial countenance have been greatly missed in Bloomfield for two months past.

MR. LAISUN, the intelligent and courteous Chinese commissioner, who, with his wife and two of his children, has been spending a few days in Bloomfield during the past week, has made a very favorable impression here. His lecture last Sunday evening, in our largest church, which was well filled, gave much satisfaction; and the opportunity our people have enjoyed of meeting these representatives from the flowered kingdom, socially, at the residence of some of our citizens, where they were honored guests, afforded all participants real pleasure.

MR. LAISUN is very intelligent and very ready, speaking our language easily, without hesitation in the choice of right words.

Mr. Laishun converses in English freely, and seems well informed. The daughter, a young lady of perhaps sixteen, is a womanly, a good English scholar, self-possessed, and quite handsome. THE MORRIS AND Essex Depot is progressing with its improvement. When it is completed we shall, of course, avail ourselves of the increased accommodation it will afford, and which was so reluctantly and tardily conceded to a patient but tried community. We may have something to say about the illiberality which characterizes the management of this road.

PER CONTRA, we are happy to see promise of a much more enterprising and liberal management on the Montclair Midland Road. They shall have their reward. "The liberal devieth liberal things, and by liberal things we shall stand."

THERE are already indications of the augmentation of our population this Spring. The vacant houses will all be filled and more will be needed.

OUR ADVERTISERS.—With pleasure we call attention to advertisement of Mesars. M. & J. Gompert, who have opened a dry good store in Bloomfield. Ready-made clothing will also be found there.

MR. C. H. DALTON has succeeded Mr. Cadmus with a good stock of groceries, which he proposes to sell at Newark prices for cash. See his advertisement.

Christ Church, Bloomfield.

SERVICES DURING LENT.

DAILY at 9 A. M., Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7½ P. M., Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4½ P. M. In the Chapel at Watessing. Wednesday, 7½ P. M.

For the Saturday Gazette.

FINE ARTS.

To Rivers of the Fine Arts, it may be interesting to know, if they are not already familiar with the fact, that there is a remarkably fine picture upon exhibition at the Goupil Gallery, New York. A fruit piece by L.W. Preyer of Dusseldorf; this is Mr. Preyer's last picture, and, although he is in his seventh year, he has never painted anything superior. Mr. Preyer is remarkable for his small stature, being not much above three feet in height; a picture of him may also be seen at the Goupil Gallery. Many anecdotes are told of him in connection with his diminutive stature. It is said at one time, upon arriving at a certain city, he called upon a professor, who happened to be out, but being assured of his quick return, the professor's wife seated herself to talk to the "little boy," and becoming much interested in his sprightly answers, actually took him upon her lap and amused herself with him till her husband's return. The Wyck has been playing a long engagement at McVicker's Theatre, and draws large houses. All of Shakespeare's best plays will be produced, and, under Booth's treatment, can not fail to give satisfaction. After the run of amusements have subsided, the managers of the lecture course will inaugurate a series of home lectures, to be delivered by some of our most eminent clergymen, with admission rates placed within the reach of all. We have a Robert Collyer with us, whose ability as a lecturer is not inferior to that of any man in our country. He possesses a rare gift of strong common sense, which, united to a venerable appearance, and a face that bears a deep, earnest soul, gives him a power over his audience not surpassed by even Wendell Phillips. The cause of temperance never prospered better in our city than at present. The enormity of the curse is fully realized and the losses are made up. A strong faction